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The CASE *of the Unlicenſed* Hackney-Chairmen, *uſually Imploy'd within the Cities of* London *and* Weſtminſter, *and the Suburbs and Liberties thereof.*

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Moſt humbly ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament Aſſembled.

SHEWETH,

THAT by the late Settlement of only Two Hundred Hackney-Chairs, Licenced by Vertue of the late *Act of Parliament*; there are about Two Hundred poor labouring Men excluded, that uſed to Employ themſelves in the ſaid Work, which they have Induſtriouſly followed theſe many Years paſt, for Bread for themſelves their poor Wives and Children; many of them having no leſs than five or ſix ſmall Children each, depending on their ſaid Labour.

THAT there are about Sixty of the Perſons that have obtain'd ſuch *Licences* who are either Widows, or Ancient People, or others, that have either left off, and cannot, or do not Work themſelves; but have either Sold or Let out their ſaid *Licences* to Hire, to the great Detriment of the Unlicenſed *Hackney-Chairmen* who are able to Work, and have no other Support for themſelves and their Numerous and Diſtreſſed Families; But are obliged to pay Money out of their very hard Labour, for the Hire of ſuch *Licences*, to their great Impoveriſhment. And yet all of them cannot be that way ſupplied with a ſufficient Number of *Licences* out of the preſent Number ſettled by Parliament.

THAT if by this means they ſhould be ſo Unfortunate, as to be for the time to come Excluded, having no other way of Livelyhood to betake themſelves unto, to maintain them and their poor Families; They muſt unavoidably become Burthenſom to the Reſpective Pariſhes where they Live, or be expoſed to the uttermoſt Extremities of Poverty and Want, unleſs Relieved by the Goodneſs and Compaſſion of this Honourable Houſe.

They therefore moſt humbly Implore Your Honours Conſideration of their deplorable Caſe: And that Your Honours would be pleas'd to make Proviſion, That ſuch Perſons only, as Work in the ſaid Imployment may have the Advantage and Benefit of ſuch Licenſes; *And that Your Honours would alſo make ſuch an Augmentation to the preſent Number of Licenſed* Hackney-Chairmen; *as that all thoſe who are able and willing to Work in the ſaid Imployment, may have the Benefit thereof: Or otherwiſe to Relieve them, as to this Honourable Houſe in Your great Wiſdom and Goodneſs ſhall ſeem meet.*

Which is humbly ſubmitted to your Honours, *&c.*

THE CASE

Of the Unlicenced *Hackney-Chairmen.*

Most Humbly Submitted to the Honorable the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament Assembled.

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